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1ST ADD 236 XXX GOVERNMENT.

DORN VOICED HOPE THAT THE TASK FORCE, TO BE SET UP BY COUNTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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ARTHUR G. WILL, WILL OPERATE MUCH THE SAME AS THE ONE WHICH MOVED INTO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE FOLLOWING FOUL-UPS IN THE JUNE 1970 PRIMARY.

AT THAT TIME, FORMER REGISTRAR-RECORDER RAY E. LEE REMAINED IN LEGAL CONTROL EVEN THOUGH NEW PROCEDURES WERE SET UP BY CAO STAFFERS HEADED BY HARRY HUFFORD.

DORN SAID THE NEW MOVE INTO COUNTY CLERK OPERATIONS WOULD BE "IMMEDIATE."

THE TASK FORCE, HE SAID, WILL INVESTIGATE THE "ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, THE SAFEGUARDS, THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND THE COMPETENCY AND ADEQUACY OF UPPER AND MIDDLE MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL."

HE SAID THAT "PARTICULAR ATTENTION" WILL BE GIVEN TO SHARP'S CRIMINAL DIVISION WHICH HAD ACTUAL CONTROL OVER THE SIRHAN B. SIRHAN EXHIBITS.

SHARP, 58, CURRENTLY EARNS \$28,682-PER-YEAR IN THE POST HE HAS HELD SINCE DEC. 5, 1961. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID HE PLANNED TO RETIRE AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

JOINING DORN AT THE MEETING WERE WILL, COUNTY COUNSEL JOHN D. MAHARG, AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER JAMES MIZE.

SUPERVISOR BURTON W. CHACE ARRIVED LATER AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCES WERE SUBSEQUENTLY HELD WITH SUPERVISORS ERNEST E. DEBS AND FRANK G. BONELLI.

DORN DENIED THAT THE COUNTY WAS PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY IN THE SHARP CASE BECAUSE OF THE 1969 UPROAR WHEN COUNTY SUPERVISOR TRIED TO FIRE CORONER THOMAS T. NOGUCHI.

RATHER, HE SAID, THE COUNTY DID NOT WANT TO ACT UNTIL IT GOT ALL INFORMATION BECAUSE OF THE OVERALL IMPORTANCE OF THE SIRHAN CASE.

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